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12 Aug. 1948

**MEMORANDUM FOR** Mr. Stanton T. Bryan  
 Bureau of the Budget  
 Room 283 Old State Department Building  
 17th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW

**SUBJECT:** Transfer of Map Intelligence Activities from  
 the Department of State to CIA.

1. In August 1947, at the request of the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Group, since designated by Congress as the Central Intelligence Agency, assumed full responsibility for the operation of map intelligence as a central service for Government agencies. The effective date of the assumption of this responsibility was designated as 1 July 1947 in order to relieve the Department of State of budgetary and operational responsibility for this activity.

2. An agreement was signed by the designated representatives of the Department of State and the Director of Central Intelligence covering the transfer of this responsibility, a copy of which is attached.

3. In all of the discussions prior to and after the signing of this agreement, it was the understanding of this Agency that there were no reservations on the part of the Department of State, and that all material and equipment of the Map Intelligence Division of the Department of State were to be transferred without exception. We have proceeded on this basis for the past year.

4. The copy of what appears to be a current proposal of the Department of State for a revision of the agreement signed in August 1947, transmitted by your recent memorandum to Mr. Saunders, the CIA Budget Officer, represents a considerable change in the initial agreement. This memorandum has not previously been received in this Agency for either comment or discussion. Comments were obtained from Mr. [redacted] the Chief of our Map Intelligence Branch, by the Department of State last April on a strictly informal and personal basis, but no official approach has been made to this Agency in connection therewith.

5. Attached as enclosure #3 is copy of a memorandum to the Department of State dated 12 August 1948, which represents the understanding and desire of this Agency as to appropriate finalization of

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the initial agreement. No revision of the agreement is believed necessary and, insofar as is known to this Agency, adequate support has been given to the requirements of the Department of State for map intelligence since the date of transfer of the responsibility.

/s/  
R. V. WRIGHT  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

3 Enclosures

- #1 - Copy of original Memorandum of Agreement signed in August 1947
- #2 - Copy of draft of recent proposed revision referred to CIA for comment by Bureau of the Budget
- #3 - Copy of memo to State Dept. finalizing August 1947 Agreement, dated 12 Aug 48

cc: Asst Dir for Reports and Est.

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